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MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors

Re: signing of U.S.-Australia free trade agreement

Da: Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Sen. Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Committee on Finance, today made the following comment on the signing of the U.S.-Australia free trade agreement, which was completed in February following a year of negotiations.

"I'm pleased to see the Administration moving forward with free trade agreements. As chairman of the Finance Committee, I've demonstrated my commitment to passing legislation that opens new markets for U.S. products and expands U.S. trading relationships. I intend to keep doing so with new agreements in the months ahead."